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NSC BRIEFING

16 July 1957

QUEMOY SHELLING

- I. Since heavy Communist bombardment of Quemoy on 24 June, only a few shells have been exchanged--less than 100 daily.
- A. Only exception was on 27 June when three ChiCom gunboats fired 300 rounds on Tatan, but all fell short.
- B. On 25 June, ChiNat Ministry of National Defense reportedly ordered no further ChiNat firing except on definite "lucrative" targets.
1. Thus, heavy ChiCom fire on 24 June successfully discouraged indiscriminate ChiNat firing on villages, fishing vessels, merchant ships, etc., to which ChiComs extremely sensitive.
- II. Earlier reports stated that ChiComs fired 9,000 rounds, mainly against Little Quemoy, on 24 June.
- A. ChiComs, however, claimed they fired 3,000.
- B. [REDACTED] ChiNats overestimated because of extreme concentration and accuracy of ChiCom fire.
- C. Present estimate is that 3,000-4,500 were fired.

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